

COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS
CLOUD COUNTY, KANSAS
DECEMBER 9, 2024
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Regular session of the December meetings of the Cloud County Board of Commissioners was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on December 9, 2024 in the Commissioners' room at 811 Washington, Concordia, Kansas with Chairman Gary Caspers, Member Michael Cleveland, and County Clerk Shella Thoman present.

County staff attending was: Rod Michaud, Highway / Weed Administrator; Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director; James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director; and Jeff Thoman, Maintenance Manager.

Others attending: Dannie Kearns, Commissioner elect; Kim Cudney, 12th Judicial District Judge; Patrick Smith, KCAMP; and Craig Ballou.

The Board broke ties from the November 5th General Election.

Center Township Treasurer – Zach Richard
Center Township Trustee – Jason Wheeler
Buffalo Township Treasurer – Karla McMillan
Lincoln Township Treasurer – Cindy Fellows
Lyon Township Treasurer – LeAnn Schmidt
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Solomon Township Treasurer – Patricia A. Dowlin

Kim Cudney, 12th Judicial District Judge discussed the need for additional office space for Judicial employees as all positions are now filled and reported that the Magistrate Judge position will not be refilled but replaced with a 2nd District Judge. Magistrates from other Counties will share the responsibilities of the Magistrate Judges case load.

Rod Michaud, Highway / Weed Administrator reported that excavator training will be in March, Drone training will be Tuesday December 10th, he will be attending the District Noxious Weed meeting on Wednesday and will take the final Noxious Weed class in February.

Recognized the resignation of Corey Huff, Equipment Operator effective December 5, 2024.

Recognized the retirement of Perry Pearce, Equipment Operator effective January 31, 2024.

Patrick Smith, KCAMP presented the Board with a check for \$1,616.11 representing approximately 1% of the County's 2023 contributions to KCAMP for meeting criteria of KCAMP's Risk Management Achievement Award. Cloud County was 1 of 9 Counties that

met the criteria to receive the award out of 80 member counties. The program rewards members for taking steps to mitigate the most frequent and severe losses reported to KCAMP. To qualify for the award the County demonstrated representation of key departments in quarterly risk management committee meetings; conducted annual inspections of certain facilities, demonstrated up-to-date employment policies and enrolled employees in KCAMP Online University, defensive driving and other trainings courses.

Mike Hake, Solid Waste Director continued discussions regarding the transportation of Solid Waste to the landfill. Hake presented a bid from Travis Body & Trailer, Inc for a 50 ft WAVE Live floor trailer for \$107,325.00

Jeff Thoman, Maintenance Manager requested permission to use some of the 2025 KCAMP Risk Avoidance grant to purchase a fire cabinet. The Board approved the request.

James Quillen, Emergency Preparedness Director discussed the HazMat Tabletop exercise that will be on Monday, December 16th from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the County Fairgrounds. Quillen presented documentation that the County is eligible to receive a total grant of \$20,051.00 for the 2024 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Program through the Kansas Division of Emergency Management (KDEM).

Recognized the resignation of Jason McCollough, Corrections Officer effective December 2, 2024.

On a motion by Commissioner Caspers, second by Commissioner Cleveland, unanimous vote the Board approved Transfer 2024-12-11-1 debiting County Health – Capital Outlay and crediting County Health – Commodities \$23,227.50 to fix the fund on check #220979.

The Board reviewed the Budget Status report and Fund Status Report as of November 30, 2024 with an ending cash balance of \$11,397,729.66.

The Board approved the following payroll expenses totaling \$195,338.88

General Fund – \$107,896.33	Road & Bridge - \$51,465.72
Appraiser - \$5,589.83	County Health - \$21,107.48
Noxious Weed - \$1,395.46	Election - \$1,825.89
Solid Waste - \$6,058.17	

Payroll Deductions & Benefits - \$84,838.13

The above expense detail is available at the County Clerk's office and the Clerk's Public Records webpage.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Casper, unanimous vote the Board approved abatements 2024-124, 2024-125, 2024-139, 2024-141 thru 2024-152 with a net change of (\$4,608.28) and refund of \$446.40.

Commissioner Cleveland & Caspers attended the Kansas Association of Counties annual conference in Wichita December 3rd -5th.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board approved the December 2, 2024 minutes as presented.

On a motion by Commissioner Cleveland, second by Commissioner Caspers, unanimous vote the Board adjourned at 12:00 p.m., until Monday December 16, 2024.

Cloud County Board of Commissioners

Attested:

Gary Caspers, Chairman

Michael Cleveland, Member

Sheila Thoman, County Clerk

Ron Copple, Member